

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Giuseppe PONTI

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PACKAGING ARTICLES  
WITH A FILM OF PLASTIC MATERIAL AND A PACKAGE THUS OBTAINED

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the continued examination of the above referenced matter and in response to the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2008, please amend the above identified application as follows: